not by the Coast Guard which, along with the fisheries Department of the Tamilnadu Government are constantly in touch with the fishermen and have started a campaign to educate them not to venture near the International Boundary Line, to avoid harassment and capture by the Sri Lankan Navy. This step has been taken, keeping in mind the best interests of the fishermen.

Establishments covered under Apprenticeship Act, 1961

4055. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: *Will the Minister of* DEFENCE *be* plesaed to state:

(a) the names of all the 82 establishments falling under the control of his Ministry which are covered by the Apprenticeship Act, 1961;

(b) what are the names and code numbers as per the national classification of occupations of each trade together with the trade-wise break-up of the Apprentice and Management Trainees who were taken engaged by the said establishment during the year 1992;

(c) the names of the newspapers and the dates of advertisements given for inviting applications for selecting apprentices, where this method of selection was adopted; and

(d) the names of employment exchanges with dates of requisitions sent for sponsoring the names of candidates desirous of selection as apprentices, in cases where this mode of election were adopted?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Purchase of C-130 Aircraft From U.S.A.

4056. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have procured 10 C-130 airfcraft from the U.S.A.;

(b) whether the help of the Government of Israel has been sought to convert these aircraft in refuelling tankers;

(c) whether the aircraft have since been sent to Israel; and

(d) if not, whether these air tankers are now available in India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

बमों की चोरी

4057. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 31 अक्तूबर, 1992 के "हिन्दुस्तान" में "वे मौत से खेल कर बमों को बेचते हैं" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित हुए समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) क्या बमों की चोरी की सेना द्वारा जांच कराई गई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या जांच रिपोर्ट से यह पता चला है कि सेना के कुछ अधिकारी/कर्मचारी बमों की चोरी करने वाले व्यक्तियों से मिले हुए हैं;

(घ) ऐसी चोरियों के तरीके के बारे में जांच का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या यह सच है कि जबलपुर के समीप स्थित "तामियां लांग प्रूफ रेंज" से चुराये गये बम अंततोगत्वा उग्रवादियों तथा नक्सलवादी संगठनों के हाथ में पहुंचे हैं; और

(च) क्या सरकार ने बमों की चोरी रोकने के लिये कोई कदम उठाये हैं ; यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) जबलपुर के निकट खमरिया में स्थित लांग प्रूफ रेंज से बम की चोरी के बारे में अब तक कोई रिपोर्ट नहीं मिली है ।

(ग) से (च) ऊपर (ख) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Supply of Uniforms and Training Equipments to NCC Cadets

4058. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that NCC is losing its popularity because of non supply of uniforms and training equipments even to the enrolled cadets;

(b) what are the details of uniforms and training equipments prescribed for NCC cadets; and

(c) whether there is a shortage of these equipments and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) There is no evidence to suggest that NCC is losing its popularity among our youth. NCC Cadets are authorised two sets of stitched uniforms, which differ according to the Wings and divisions viz. Army, Navy, Air Wings and Girls Divisions and one pair each of Shoes/Boots, Socks, Baret, Web Belt and other accoutrement items like rank badges, cap badges, hackles, Arms Titles etc. In addition, the Cadets are authorised items like Shoes Canvas, Blanket Barrack, Kit Bags, Durries, Jerseys, Cape Water proof etc. before attending Camps. Shortages which emerge from time to time, are remedied promptly.

Audience with Russian President

4059. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his tour to Russia he was informed that an audience has been granted by the President of Russia;

(b) if so, what is the names of the agency which informed him about such audience; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for cancellation of the said audience?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) As is the normal practice, a meeting of Raksha Mantri with the Russian President was sought during Raksha Mantri's visit to Russia. The proposed meeting did not materialise, apparently on account of the Russian President's other scheduled unavoidable commitments.

तमिल टाइगर्स का सामना करने के लिये सेना की तैनाती

4060. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तमिलनाडु सरकार ने तमिल टाइगर्स का सामना करने के लिये सेना की सहायता मांगी है ;